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FOLLOWING EDITORIAL APPEARED IN IRISH INDEPENDENT  
MAY 12, 1978 UNDER HEADING DISARMAMENT:

THE HEADS OF STATE, INCLUDING OUR OWN, WHO WILL  
TURN UP AT THE UNITED NATIONS FOR A SPECIAL  
SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, WILL HARDLY BE EXPECTING  
GREAT PROGRESS. AT THE MOST THE RENEWAL OF  
INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT WHICH THE MEETING WILL  
GENERATE MAY BE THE ONLY PRODUCT OF THE SESSION.  
FOR DISARMAMENT, LIKE VIRTUE, SEEMS TO BE A GOAL  
ALWAYS DESIRABLE BUT COMPLETELY UNATTAINABLE.

OF COURSE, THE HEADS OF STATE WILL HAVE AN AGENDA  
BEFORE THEM. IT WILL INCLUDE PROPOSALS TO  
REGULATE THE SALE OF NUCLEAR EXPORTS BY COUNTRIES  
WITH A NUCLEAR CAPABILITY - THIS IN ORDER TO  
PREVENT NUCLEAR POWER FALLING INTO THE WRONG HANDS.

THERE WILL BE A SEARCH FOR A COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR  
TEST BAN TREATY; A SECOND U.S. SOVIET STRATEGIC  
ARMS LIMITATION TALKS AGREEMENT; OTHER MEASURES  
TO STRENGTHEN NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION; A  
CONVENTION TO OUTLAW CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND A  
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SEARCH FOR MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS  
NEGOTIATIONS.

ALL THIS IS IDEAL MATERIAL FOR A CONVENTION OF  
LEADERS WHO HELD EACH OTHER IN GREAT RESPECT AND  
WHO DID NOT HARBOUR THE DEEPEST SUSPICIONS ABOUT  
EACH OTHER'S MOTIVES. BUT, CONSIDERING THE LIST

OF COUNTRIES ATTENDING, THE AGENDA IS UNLIKELY  
TO PRODUCE NO MORE THOUGHT-PROVOKING RESULT THAN  
THE EQUIVALENT OF A CONDEMNATION OF SIN. AND THE  
LEADERS COULD DO THIS FROM THE COMFORT OF THEIR  
OWN OFFICES.

AT THE VERY MOST THE MEETING WILL SERVE TO DIRECT  
OUR ATTENTION TO THE POTENTIAL FOR COMPLETE SELF-  
DESTRUCTION THE WORLD HAS ACCUMULATED AND PERHAPS  
FORCE PUBLIC OPINION TO URGE ON THEIR GOVERNMENTS  
A MORE PASSIONATE INVOLVEMENT IN THE SEARCH FOR  
DISARMAMENT - THAT IS, WHERE PUBLIC OPINION IS  
LISTENED TO. KRENE

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